



## Geographical Indication Product Database - Step 1-

### **Tjukkmjølke from Røros**

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#### **DESCRIPTION :**

1. **NAME OF PRODUCT :** *Tjukkmjølke from Røros*
2. **COUNTRY AND REGION IN THE COUNTRY:** Norway – Røros region (eastern Norway)
3. **TYPE OF PRODUCT : (including the possible substitutes and imitations of the product)**  
Tjukkmjølke, is a thick sour milk
4. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT AND ITS AREA (including its specific characteristics, conditions of production, main differences with the substitutes) :**  
. In many parts of Norway it was traditionally produced and consumed out in the fields on hot summer days. Tjukkmjølke is produced by use of 'tettegras'<sup>1</sup>, which is a special plant that grows on the moors. In the early season the leaves were picked and washed before they were put in a little wooden bowl where lukewarm milk was poured on. After some time the milk thickened into a milk culture called 'tette', which could then be used over again to produce more tjukkmjølke.
5. **LINK WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA (tradition, know how, reputation, soil, climate, etc.):**  
This kind of thick sour milk was used in many mountain areas in Scandinavia, but as far as we know the tjukkmjølke has never been commercially distributed until the dairy at Røros started to produce it in 1995. Nevertheless some of our sources attest that the 'tette' -which is the necessary ingredient in producing the Tjukkmjølke - was distributed by dairies at least before the Second World War.
6. **PRODUCTION SYSTEM / SUPPLY CHAIN (some data about the number of producers, processors, market structure..) :**

One producer: the Røros dairy

#### **One product**

7. **MARKET AND REPUTATION (size, price premium, attractiveness, growth) :**

Same size than a liter of milk.

Price about 30 kr. (about 3 times a liter of milk)

About 200 000 liters in 2005

Growth since they got a PGI. About 3,5 more than in 1995



<sup>1</sup> Pinguicula vulgaris (latin), Butterwort (english)



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#### **7. APPLICANT / HOLDER (IF ANY) :**

Røros dairy

#### **RELEVANCE : Why is this case important for research in general and for SINER-GI in particular ?**

This was the first PGI in Norway

#### **CATEGORY :**

**.Origin Product**

**x GI product**

**x Recognized GI**